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HARRY R. SMITH & CO.,

Spectacles, Watches and Diamonds,

No. 6 West Fourth Street.

Cincinnati, Oct 28th 18 92

Hon A Scott

Dear Sir —

I have given your case attention to our Sunset Pilot Cover case & have a criticism to make on it,

In all respects but one, in my judgement, the Cover is a success — the one, is the small star over the Eagle's head which is tautological as you have the same number on the other pile, and larger which makes the smaller one appear to fall down & analize for to tell the [illegible]

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the old Am. Coin one of 1798
I have before me,

I never can get rid of
the idea, when I see this
side of the Coin, that
the attempt has been made
to kill the old Eagle with
bird shot and failed for
the marksman overshot
the mark. Not clearly
taken away from the dignity
of the design

Now I suggest as you
have studied it over on the
Obverse side — Enough —
that you fill the space
with some descriptive sentiment

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Smith.

I suggest (US) in monogram

I did in first thus of a big star, but the United States in federal form cannot be represented by a big star, star belong to States.

The in ~~Eclat~~ Gov we trying in the dollar as located is Cent, highway, of the lowest order (, drift by an means, pure (US) in the steam. In other word take the 25 cts. Coin of 1892 as the model for all our silver & gold

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Off the bird shot and
feathers (U.S.) or anything
representing cents and
you have it,
There is no objection to the
motto. "In God we trust",
in that Circle over the head
of Liberty as it feels up
a space

Now, how would the Case
stand,
Liberty, in the center
of the star representing State,
The Eagle, with his scroll
in his mouth, "E Pluribus
Unum" holding the

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talon the olive branch and in
the other ~~a sheaf of grain~~,
~~a grecian industry plenty~~
~~or stream~~, arrow or a golden life
but with his shield, on
and an Eye that says,
"take care", ready to defend
the (HS)
over his head,

with their change our
Coin would be unsurpassed
in beauty, and will
increasing the merit

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See

1 Our Our Rèd

Commencing with a recog
nition of a Supreme Being,

2 Liberty Arising the
Star of our State

On the other side

1st The Eagle ready
to defend the union
of the States, and
the mottoes &c &c as
stated.

By all means take the
[illegible]

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Your model – the Eagle
Coin over historical Dir & are
far more impressive than
the 1889 Filbert, that is a
decided failure,
I guess I have done enough.
Cant you send me a Coin
such as I describe,
Very Truly
Harry R. Smith

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[Abstract:] Relative to designs of coins.

Harry R. Smith & Co.,
Spectacles, Watches and Diamonds,
Cincinnati,
October 28, 1892

Supt. Mint
Dear Sir –

I have given some attention to our new silver coin and have a criticism to make on it.

In all respect but one, in my judgement, the coin is a success ~ but one, is the small star over the Eagle's head which is tautological or you have the same number on the other side, and larger, which make the smaller on appear to fill room strangely. You took the idea from the old Gen. coin one of 1798 I have before me.

I never can get rid of the idea, when I see this die of the coin, that the attempt has been made to kill the old Eagle with bird shot and failed for the markman over shot the mark. That clutter takes away from the dignity of the design.

Now I suggest or you have thirteen stars on the obverse side – enough – that you fill the space with some design representing unity.

I suggest (US) in monogram I did at sent things of a big star, but the United States in federal form cannot be represented by a big star, stars belong to states.

The "in God we trust" in the dollar as located is can't, hypocrisy, of the tallest order – drop it by any means, put (US) in its seal. In other words take the 25 cts coin of 1892 as the model for all our silver & gold off the bird shot and patterning (US) or anything representing <u>unity</u> and you have it.

There is no objection to the motto, "In God we trust", in the coin over the head of Liberty as it fills a space.

Now, how could the case stand, <u>Liberty</u>, in the center of the stars representing States. The Eagle, with his scroll in his mouth, "E Pluribus Unum" holding in one talon the olive branch and in the other ~~a sheaf of grain, agricultural industry, plenty,~~ Shears, arrows as you like but with by shield, on and an eye that says "take care", ready to defend the (US) over his head, with these changes our coins would be unsurpassed in beauty and in measuring the sort.

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1 <u>See</u>
one one side
Commencing with a recognition of a supreme being.

2 Liberty among the stars of our states.

on the other side

1st the Eagle ready to defend the union of the States, and the motto &c &c as stated.

By all mean take the ideas noted for your model – the Eagle is our historical bird and far more impressive than the 1889 fellow, that year decided failure.

I guess I have said enough.

Can't you send me a coin and as I describe.

Very Truly
Harry R. Smith